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Sir:

Please add the following claims:

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13. Method according to claim 1, wherein (1) the messages are  
received by nodes in the network, (2) the nodes are equipped with  
rules to follow, and (3) following the rules makes the messages  
self-propagating and self-terminating.

14. Method according to claim 5, wherein the nodes of  
paragraph (c) include nodes which originated the propagating  
reports.

15. Method according to claim 1, wherein the self-propagating  
messages lack stated destinations.